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REGION IX

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Mr. Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer
California Air Resource Board
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Dear Mr. Corey:

On April 27, 2017, you submitted a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) containing the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Final 2016 Air Quality Management Plan ("2016 AQMP") and the State's commitments in the 2016 State Strategy for the SIP. The 2016 AQMP submittal addresses Clean Air Act (CAA) attainment requirements for ozone and fine particulate matter national ambient air quality standards ("standards") in the South Coast Air Basin ("South Coast") and the Coachella Valley nonattainment areas. With respect to the 2008 ozone standards for these two areas, the 2016 AQMP includes attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress demonstrations, and contingency measures (except for attainment contingency measures for Coachella Valley) and addresses the applicable requirements for enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance, clean fuels for boilers, and transportation control strategies and measures (TCMs) to offset growth in vehicle miles traveled (VMT), among other requirements.

We reviewed the portions of this submittal applicable to the 2008 ozone standards in the South Coast and the Coachella Valley ozone nonattainment areas for completeness, and we find that this submittal conforms to the completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51, appendix V. Therefore, this submittal addresses the findings of failure to submit made by the EPA on February 3, 2017 (82 FR 9158) with respect to the following SIP elements: Clean Fuels for Boilers (South Coast) and VMT-TCMs to Offset Growth (South Coast and Coachella Valley). The findings of completeness conveyed in this letter stop the related clocks for the above SIP elements under section 179(a) of the CAA for mandatory sanctions in the South Coast and Coachella Valley ozone nonattainment areas.

If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff contact Anita Lee, Acting Manager, Planning Office, at (415) 972-3958, lee.anita@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Lakin".

Matthew J. Lakin
Acting Director, Air Division

cc: Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
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